

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-129 were filed with the application. No amendments were entered under PCT Article 19 or 34. Accordingly, prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-129 were pending. Applicants have herein above cancelled claims 2-23, 40, 42, 43, 48-71, 77-96, 98-112, and 116-125 without prejudice to the applicants' right to reinstate those claims or pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a further application, and have introduced new claims 130-145. Claims 1, 24, 26, 28-30, 34-36, 38, 41, 44-45, 72, 73, 75, 76, 114, 115, 126, 127, and 129 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1, 24-39, 41, 44-47, 72-76, 97, 113-115 and 126-145 are now pending and submitted for examination.

Support for amended claims 1 and 24 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 9, lines 4-9; at page 10, line 28 through page 12, line 14; and in original claims 1, 24, 48, 71, 95 and 96. Support for amended claim 114 is to be found *inter alia* in original claims 114, 116, 118, 120, 122 and 124. Support for amended claim 115 is to be found *inter alia* in original claims 115, 117, 119, 121, 123 and 125. Support for amended claims 26, 28-30, 34-36, 38, 41, 44-45, 72, 73, 75, 76, 126, 127 and 129 is to be found in the corresponding original claims. Support for new claims 130-133 is to be found in original claims 126-129, respectively.

Support for newly-introduced claims 134 and 139 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 8, lines 18-28; at page 12, lines 11-14 and at lines 19-21; at page 19, lines 22-24; and at page 27, line 13 through page 28, line 33. Support for newly-introduced claims 135 and 140 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 22, line 16 and at page 23, lines 17-18. Support for newly-introduced claims 136 and 141 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 23, line 9 through page 10, line 19. Support for newly-introduced claims 137 and 142 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 22, lines 4-5. Support for newly-introduced claims 138 and 143 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 19, lines 7-9; and at page 23, lines 5-7. Support for newly-introduced claim 144 is to be found *inter alia* in the specification as filed at page 27, lines 13-18. Support for newly-introduced claim 145 is to be found *inter alia* in the

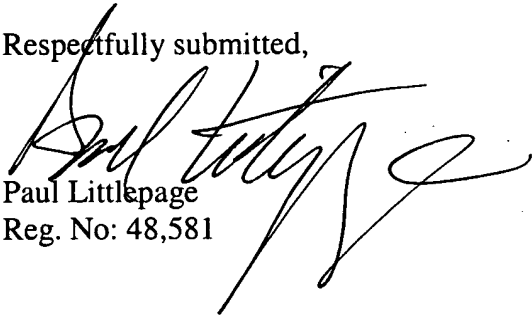
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specification as filed at page 27, lines 18-21. Accordingly, no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by way of the above claim amendments. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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